



U.S. Army Combined Arms Center  
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## **Colonel Mark E. McKnight**

Combined Arms Center  
Chief of Staff



His prior deployments and assignments include serving as Commander of the Mission Command Training Program (MCTP), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Chief of Staff, 3rd Infantry Division in Baghdad, Iraq in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Commander of 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, in Tikrit, Iraq in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Chief of Operations Group Bravo, Battle Command Training Program, G-3, 1st Armored Division, Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, Executive Officer, Regional Assessments Europe, Defense Intelligence Agency, the Pentagon; Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer, 509th Airborne, Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, United States Army Infantry; Company Commander, Bravo Company and HHC, 6th Battalion, 6th Infantry, Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 505th Airborne.

Colonel McKnight's decorations include the Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Army Superior Unit Award. He also wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist's Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

Colonel McKnight is a native of Bedford, Indiana and a graduate of Indiana State University. He holds both a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters of Strategic Studies. He received his Regular Army commission as an infantry officer in 1983 as a Distinguished Military Graduate through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, Joint Professional Military Education Phase II, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

He is married and has four children.